

DECISION RECORD
Grazing Enclosures/ Riparian Protection Fencing
DOI-BLM-UT-Y010-2015-0255-CX

I have reviewed this categorical exclusion have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the Moab Field Office RMP, approved October 2008 and that no further environmental analysis is required.

DECISION:

It is my decision to authorize the construction of grazing enclosures and riparian protection fencing at the locations described below. This decision is contingent upon following the proposed action as described in the NEPA document.

Beaver Creek Allotment: T24S R26E sec 6, 7, T24S R25E sec 12

RATIONALE:

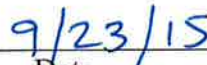
The decision to authorize the construction of 1 grazing enclosure and 1 riparian protection fence has been made in consideration of the environmental impacts of the proposed action. The action is in conformance with the Moab Resource Management Plan, which allows for fencing and temporary closures to meet resource objectives.

APPEALS:

The decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. Public notification of this decision will be considered to have occurred on September 23, 2015. Within 30 days of this decision, a notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the Authorized Officer at the Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood, Moab, Utah 84532. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed with the Authorized Officer.



Authorized Officer



Date

**United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

**Categorical Exclusion Not Established By Statute
DOI-BLM-UT-Y010-2015-0255-CX**

September 23, 2015

Grazing Exclosures/ Riparian Protection Fencing

Locations:

Beaver Creek Allotment: T24S R26E sec 6, 7 and T24S R25E sec 12

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION FORMAT WHEN USING CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS NOT ESTABLISHED BY STATUTE

A. Background

BLM Office: Moab Field Office

Proposed Action Title/Type: Grazing Enclosures/ Riparian Protection Fencing

Location of Proposed Action: These fencing projects are located within the Moab Field Office at the following locations:

Beaver Creek Allotment: T24S R26E sec 6, 7 and T24S R25E sec 12

Description of Proposed Action: This proposal involved construction of range enclosure fences surrounding abandoned agricultural fields to protect upcoming seeding projects inside the enclosures. These enclosures will be constructed with steel T posts and 4 strands of wire. The top and bottom strands will be smooth wire and the middle strands will be barbed wire. EZ panels will be used at corners and along the fence for support..

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Moab Field Office RMP, approved October 2008

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the LUP decisions GRA-1 listed on page 68 of the RMP ("Grazing will be managed according to the Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management to meet the Standards for Rangeland Health") and RIP-6 listed on page 100 of the RMP ("Grazing actions to meet riparian objectives can include fencing, ... temporary closures...").

C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9 Appendix 1.J(9) which states ... "Construction of small protective enclosures, including those to protect reservoirs and springs and those to protect small study areas".

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR Part 46.215 apply.

Exceptions to Categorical Exclusion Documentation

The action has been reviewed to determine if any of the extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215) apply. The project would:

Extraordinary Circumstances		
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: Constructing grazing exclosures and riparian protection fencing is not likely to result in significant impacts to health and safety.
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: Constructing grazing exclosures and riparian protection fencing is not likely to result in significant impacts on any of the above ecological significant or critical areas.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102 (2) (E)].		
Yes	No X	Rationale: Constructing grazing exclosures and riparian protection fencing would not have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts.
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: Construction of grazing exclosures and riparian protection fencing would not have highly uncertain environmental effects or unknown environmental risks.
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principal about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: Construction of grazing exclosures and riparian protection fencing would not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principal about future actions.
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: Construction of grazing exclosures and riparian protection fencing would not results in cumulatively significant environmental effects.
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau.		

Extraordinary Circumstances		
Yes	No X	Rationale: A survey was completed by a BLM Archaeologist and no sites were found at any of the locations.
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: Constructing grazing exclosures and riparian protection fencing would not have impacts of this kind.
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: No federal, state, local or tribal laws would be broken.
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		
Yes	No X	Rationale: Constructing grazing exclosures and riparian protection fencing would not have an adverse effect on low income or minority populations.
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).		
Yes	No X	Rationale: There are no known Indian ceremonial or sacred sites within the area.
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).		
Yes	No X	Rationale: Construction of grazing exclosures and riparian protection fencing should not result in introduction or spread of noxious weeds.

Categorical Exclusion Review Record

Resource	Yes/No*	Assigned Specialist Signature	Date
Air Quality	NO	Am Am	9/23/15
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	NO	K Stevens	9/23/15
Cultural Resources	NO	D Montoya	9/23/2015
Environmental Justice	NO	K Stevens	
Farm Lands (prime or unique)	NO	Kim Allie	9/23/15
Floodplains	NO	Am Am	9/23/15
Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds	NO	Kim Allie	9/23/15
Migratory Birds	NO	Am Am	9/23/15
Native American Religious Concerns	NO	D Montoya	9/23/2015
Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate Species	NO	Am Am	9/23/15
Wastes (hazardous or solid)	NO	Am Am	9/23/15
Water Quality (drinking or ground)	NO	Am Am	9/23/15
Wetlands / Riparian Zones	NO	Am Am	9/23/15
Wild and Scenic Rivers	NO	K Stevens	9/23/15
Wilderness	NO	K Stevens	9/23/15
Other:			

*Extraordinary Circumstances apply.

Environmental Coordinator KC Stevens

Date: 9/23/15

D: Signature

Authorizing Official: _____



(Name)

Beth Ransel

(Title)

Field Manager

Date: _____

9/23/15

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